

HOUSE RESOLUTION 40

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A RESOLUTION to honor Aaron Estep for his great courage and heroic actions, and to commend Washington Elementary School and the Kingsport City Schools for their participation in the Learn Not to Burn program.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure the safety of their fellow citizens, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding Tennessean is thirteen-year-old Aaron Estep of Kingsport, who on Monday, February 5, 2007, acted with courage and bravery to save the life of his great-grandmother; and

WHEREAS, early Monday morning, Aaron Estep awoke to find his bedroom wall on fire; he rolled out of bed and crawled to his great-grandmother's bedroom; and

WHEREAS, once awakened, Ms. Shipley headed toward the front door where the fire was burning; quick-thinking Aaron grabbed her leg and guided her safely out the back door; and

WHEREAS, Aaron Estep's heroic actions in the face of imminent danger can no doubt be attributed to the instruction he received as a former student in the Washington Elementary School Learn Not to Burn fire-education program; the life-saving class is a cooperation between the Kingsport Fire Department and the Kingsport Elementary Schools to teach children how to prevent and survive home fires; and

WHEREAS, Aaron Estep clearly demonstrated bravery and self possession far in excess of what might be expected from one so young; his courage and strength of character are clearly deserving of special recognition and praise; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Aaron Estep of Kingsport for his outstanding demonstration of courage,

resourcefulness, and presence of mind in saving the life of his great-grandmother, as we join with his family, his schoolmates, the people of Kingsport, and all the citizens of Tennessee in expressing our admiration and appreciation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we offer our sincerest thanks to the teachers of Washington Elementary School and the Kingsport Elementary Schools for empowering young people with the knowledge of fire safety and prevention through their participation in the Learn Not to Burn program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.